

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respond hereto to the Official Action of August 9, 2007.

Claims 2-7 are in the application.

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claim 5 in said application.

Claims 2-4, 6, and 7 were again rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by the Vignotto et al reference, with the Examiner noting that, "...Figure 3 illustrates that projection 26 and the fixed part flange 13 can be formed integrally with one another using notches 43. This notched connection effectively makes the two mating parts integral with one another. It is for this reason that the rejection of claims 2-4, 6 and 7 have been maintained..." (emphasis supplied).

In response thereto and in order to clarify the appropriate terminology which remains the only issue extant before allowance of all the claims, claim 7 has been amended to specify that the projection is formed as a single integral portion of the fixed part of the wheel bearing, et al. This single integral portion is shown in Figures 2 and 3 of the present application with element 2 being a single structure of both the projection and the fixed part. It is submitted that the fitting of a projection into a notch of Vignotto et al. does not effect the forming of a fixed part with single integral portion as claimed. In a telephone discussion with the Examiner it was agreed that the above language was acceptable to define the one piece integral nature of the claimed fixed part as being structurally different from the projection and notched connection of the cited Vignotto et al reference.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, allow the claims and pass this case to issue.

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